

# CDBG & HOME

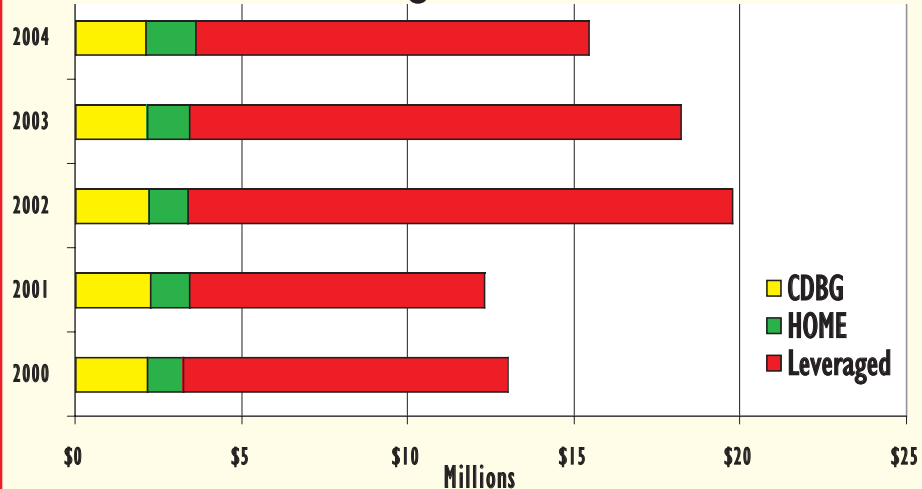
## AT WORK IN THE



# CITY OF LINCOLN

## NEBRASKA

## CDBG, HOME & Leveraged Resources - Past 5 Years



## Funding that Works

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) funds have worked hard in Lincoln for 31 years. In just the past five years, Lincoln has used \$17 million CDBG and HOME funds to leverage over \$61 million in private investments. This combined public and private investment has:

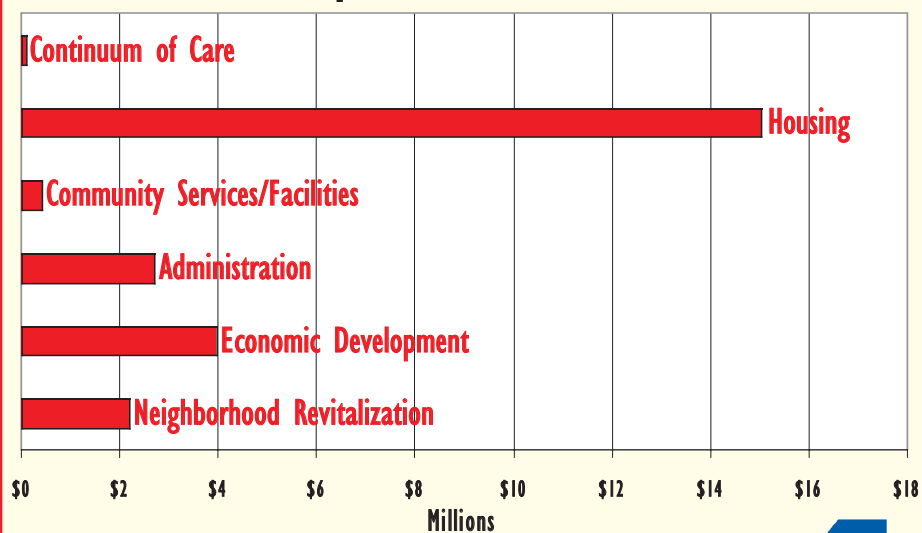
- ♦ built & repaired housing,
- ♦ paved streets & sidewalks,
- ♦ created jobs & trained workers,
- ♦ planted trees & built parks, and
- ♦ built community centers & trained leaders.

While these funds primarily benefit low and moderate income persons, everytime CDBG and HOME funds help improve a home, a block or a neighborhood, the whole community gains indirectly.

## Since August 2000

- ♦ **1,351 households** received housing rehabilitation and repair,
- ♦ **87 households** installed modifications to overcome accessibility barriers for handicapped family members,
- ♦ **34 households** were assisted with costs of lead-based paint hazard reduction,
- ♦ **910 participants** received first-time homebuyer training,
- ♦ **312 first-time homebuyers** were assisted with down payments,
- ♦ **47 units of affordable rental housing** were built or adapted for use,
- ♦ **79 new owner-occupied units** were constructed through partnerships with non-profit organizations,
- ♦ **27 vacant lots** were purchased for construction of new affordable housing.
- ♦ **377.73 full time equivalent jobs** were created.
- ♦ **88 micro-enterprise entrepreneurs / businesses** received loans.
- ♦ **17 business façade improvement projects** were completed.
- ♦ **1,467 adults** received employment and training services.
- ♦ **11 neighborhood revitalization projects** were completed: streetscapes, sidewalk repair, park improvements.
- ♦ **10 older commercial areas** were revitalized.
- ♦ **2 neighborhood centers** were built.

## CDBG & HOME Expenditures - Past 5 Years





*"Programs like these benefit the entire neighborhood! As homeowner's, the repairs done on our home gave us a sense of pride that every home owner should have. We have experienced our neighbors to be more friendly and it has created a greater sense of community."*

--Ken and Elizabeth used the Direct & Deferred Payment Loan program (CDBG & HOME funded) to make major repairs to their older home.

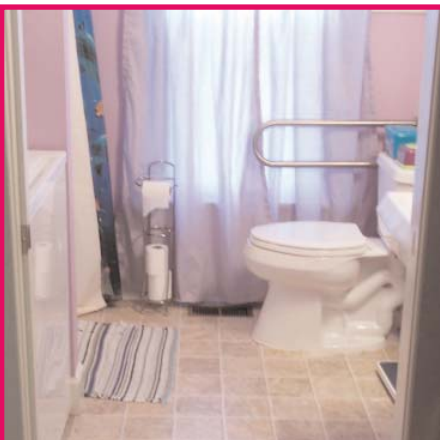
*"Without NeighborWorks®Lincoln and the City of Lincoln FIRST HOME loan, it would have taken me about 10 years to save for a home. By that time, I would have been retirement age and my three sons would have missed the opportunity to live in a home of their own."*

-- Joe used CDBG/HOME funded classes and loans to become a first time homeowner.



*"Without the assistance of the City of Lincoln and CDBG program we couldn't have moved and expanded our manufacturing facility in Lincoln. Thanks to the assistance we received, we were able to expand our facilities and add jobs to the Lincoln economy."*

- Rodger Merz  
Arck Foods, Inc.



*"Due to mobility impairments and balance problems, getting into and out of my old steel bath tub was a real safety concern. Now I can walk into my shower, using grabbars for support, sit on a tub seat, and - with the hand-held shower - bath myself independently and safely."*

-- Stephen used a CDBG-funded barrier removal program to make his bathroom accessible.

*"As with all of the previous sessions, I wish they were longer. The time just flies."*

*"It's wonderful making connections with a City Councilman and a Planning Commissioner. I know I'll feel comfortable talking with them about future neighborhood issues."*

-- Comments from participants in **Great Neighborhoods!**, a neighborhood leadership training program funded through CDBG



*"The loan assistance Urban Development provided gave us the opportunity to remodel our basement into an independent living space for my (disabled) daughter."*

-- Sheri used a housing rehabilitation loan program, funded through CDBG, to create an independent living space for her daughter.

# Housing

The Old Mill Village affordable housing development involves several different contractors to avoid the “cookie cutter” effect often seen in affordable housing developments. HOME and CDBG funds are helping leverage significant private investment.



Habitat for Humanity volunteers construct a home on a lot acquired through the CDBG-funded Infill Housing program.



In Lincoln, the greatest part of CDBG and HOME funds are spent on housing. This includes affordable new housing built by non-profit developers, Habitat for Humanity volunteers, and high school students being instructed by professional builders.



Students supervised by professional builders construct new homes through the NeighborWorks®Lincoln High School Build program. CDBG funds acquire the lots and partially fund NeighborWorks®Lincoln.



The Home Improvement Loan Program (HILP) helps low- and moderate-income homeowners maintain their properties. In this case, a water line was repaired, avoiding an unanticipated and potentially crippling financial burden.

The FIRST HOME program helps low- and moderate-income families become proud homeowners by providing rehabilitation and down payment assistance.



# Assisting Homeowners, Investor-Owners, First-Time Home Buyers, and Renters



Repair of existing housing includes assistance for low-income homeowners and investor owners with low-income tenants. Repairs encompassed housing code compliance and housing quality standards.

First time home buyer assistance includes education and financial assistance with house repairs and/or down payment costs.



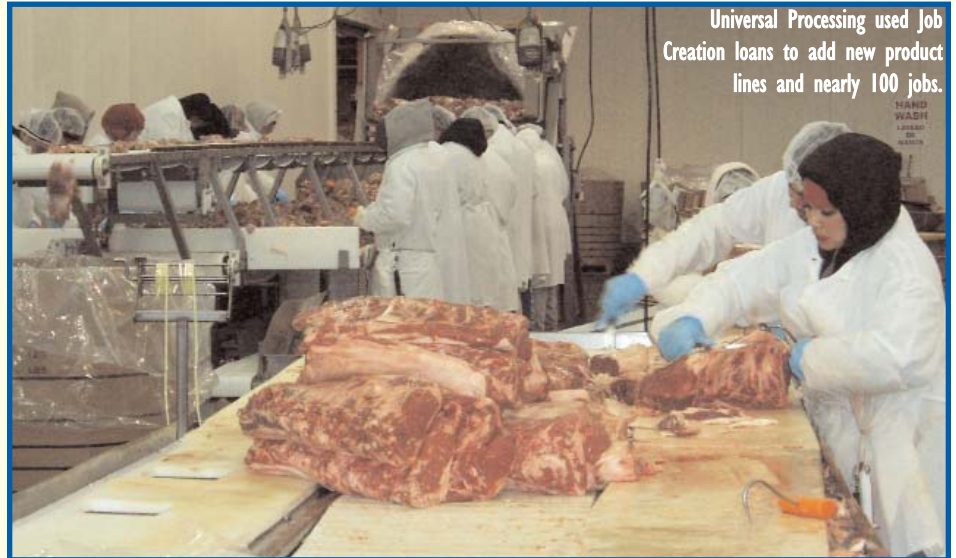
# Economic Development



Arck Foods used a Job Creation loan to build a new, larger facility, retaining 34 jobs and adding 20 jobs.



Acton used CDBG-funded loans to create or retain 54 jobs.

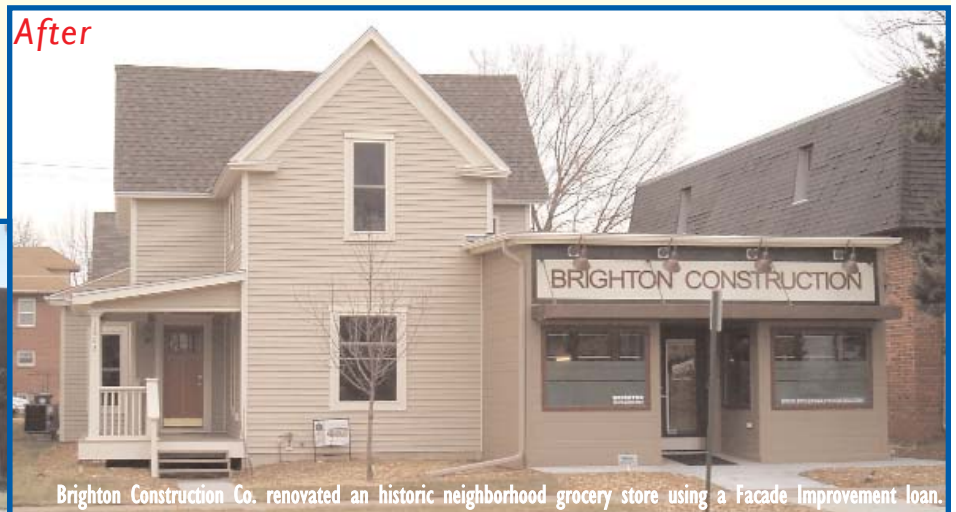


Universal Processing used Job Creation loans to add new product lines and nearly 100 jobs.

In Lincoln, CDBG funds provide economic development tools, primarily Job Creation Loans and Facade Improvement Loans. Micro-enterprises are supported by *Community Development Resources of Lincoln*, which is partially funded through CDBG.



Before

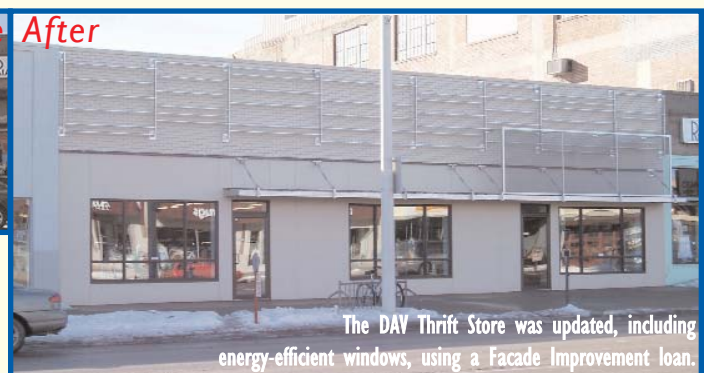


After

Brighton Construction Co. renovated an historic neighborhood grocery store using a Facade Improvement loan.



Before After

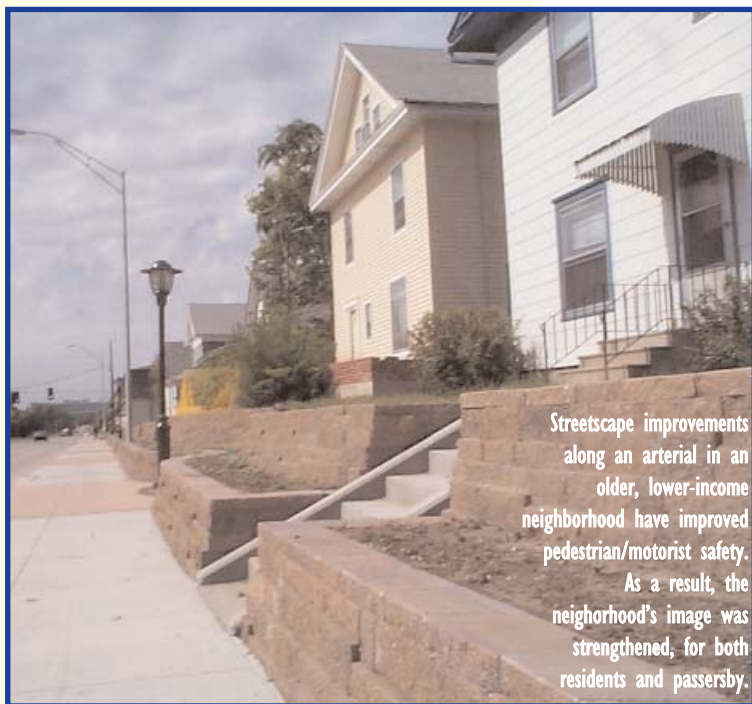
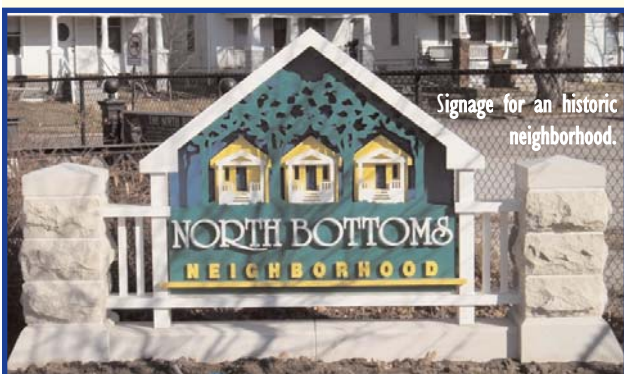


The DAV Thrift Store was updated, including energy-efficient windows, using a Facade Improvement loan.

Graffiti removal is part of the Free to Grow program that teams residents in targeted neighborhood areas with public employees to improve quality of life.



Signage for an historic neighborhood.

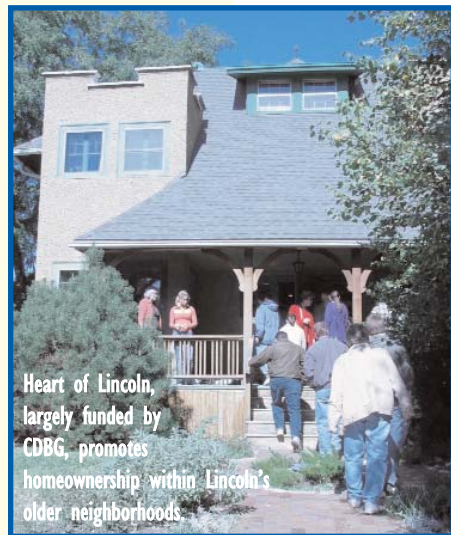


Streetscape improvements along an arterial in an older, lower-income neighborhood have improved pedestrian/motorist safety. As a result, the neighborhood's image was strengthened, for both residents and passersby.

# Community Revitalization



Lincoln's Parks and Recreation and Urban Development Departments use CDBG funds to improve parks and playgrounds in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. McAdams Park has been improved through this partnership.

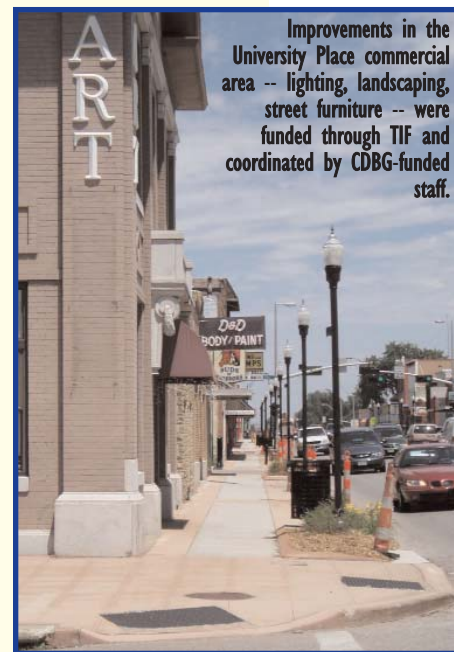


Heart of Lincoln, largely funded by CDBG, promotes homeownership within Lincoln's older neighborhoods.

Lincoln's CDBG funds revitalize neighborhoods and local business areas primarily through a planning process that focuses public improvements into community-defined, high visibility areas. Besides physical, visible improvements to neighborhoods -- parks, streetscapes, and buildings -- the process strengthens neighborhood leadership.

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## as Community Catalysts...



CDBG serves as a catalyst for projects that are not directly funded. CDBG-funded staff, working with community leaders, use tools like Tax Increment Financing (TIF), other public funds, and positive recognition to encourage private investments, especially in the low- and moderate-income areas of the city.

